[Translation]

Setting up of Inter Colleges for Handicapped

2475. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Union Government have received proposals from the Government of Uttar Pradesh to open Inter Colleges for the deaf and dumb persons in some places particularly in Bore;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the names of the locations thereof; and

(c) the time by which a final decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA) : (a) Ministry of Welfare has not received any such proposals.

(b) and (c). Question does not arise.

Inclusion of New Communities in SCs/STs List

2476. SHRI RAJESH RANJAN ALIAS PAPPU YADAV : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have appointed any High level committee to work out the possibilities for inclusion of some new communities in the list of SCs and STs;

(b) if so, whether this committee has submitted its report;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government have examined the Report; and

(e) if so, the outcome thereof and action taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA) : (a) to (e). No, Sir. However, an Advisory Committee had been constituted in October, 1993 to go into various issues relating to the revision of the lists of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes. That Committee did not complete its work, and is no longer in existence.

[English]

Upgradation of Post Offices

2477. SHRI KESHAB MAHANTA : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of Post Offices upgraded during each of the last three years, State-wise;

(b) the number of Post Offices proposed to be upgraded during 1996-97, State-wise;

(c) whether any criteria have been adopted for upgradation of Post Offices; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA) : (a) The number of Post Offices upgraded during each of the last three years, Postal Circle-wise is given in the attached Statement - I.

(b) No separate target is fixed for upgradation of Extra Departmental Post Offices. Upgradation of Extra Departmental Post Offices is included in the Plan for opening of Sub-Post Offices. It is proposed to open 150 Departmental Sub-Post Offices. Annual Plan, 1996-97. The Postal Circle-wise target fixed for opening of Departmental Sub-Post Office during 1996-97 is given in the attached Statement - II.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The criteria fixed by the Government to upgrade Post Offices is given in the attached Statement - III.

STATEMENT - I

Number of Post Offices Upgraded during the last three years (Statewise and year-wise)

S.No.	Name of State	Nos. of Post Offices upgraded		
		1993-94	1994-95	1995-96
1	2	3	4	5
1.	Andhra Pradesh	2	-	-
2.	Assam	9	3	-
3.	Bihar	-	-	-
4.	Delhi	1	1	-
5.	Gujarat	-	-	3
	Dadar & Nagar Haveli	-	-	-
	Daman and Diu	-	-	-
6.	Haryana	-	1	-
7.	Himachal Pradesh	-	1	1
8.	J and K	-	-	1
9.	Karnataka	4	1	1
10.	Kerala	3	2	16
	Lakshadweep	-	-	-
11.	Maharashtra	-	1	1
	Goa	-	-	-
12.	Madhya Pradesh	7	2	1
13.	North East			
	Arunachal Pradesh	-	2	-
	Manipur	-	-	-
	Meghalaya	-	2	-
	Nagaland	-	-	-
	Mizoram	-	-	-
	Tripura	-	-	-
14.	Orissa	4	1	-